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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-14

## Please add new claims 1-9 as follows:

1. A method for purifying an oxygen containing gas comprising:

a first step of generating ozone in the oxygen containing gas;

a second step of radiating ultraviolet rays of a medium wavelength of 200 nm or longer, but shorter than 300 nm, to the gas treated in the first step to form active oxygen; and

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